

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A mobile communication device, comprising:
a housing;
5 a transceiver;
a controller coupled to the transceiver;
a light generating source coupled to the controller; and
an optical transmission port coupled to the light generating source and
coupled to the housing, the optical transmission port configured to optically and
10 detachably couple a visibly perceptible light-emitting output device to the mobile
communication device.
2. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the
light generating source comprises at least one light emitting diode.
- 15 3. The mobile communication device according to claim 2, wherein the at
least one light emitting diode is a multi-color light emitting diode.
4. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the
20 controller is configured to control light generated by the light generating source by
providing a signal to the light generating source.
5. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the
controller controls light generated by the light generating source by flashing the light
25 on and off.
6. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the
controller controls light generated by the light generating source by flashing the light
on and off in a sequential pattern.

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7. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the controller controls light generated by the light generating source by flashing the light brighter and dimmer in a sequential pattern.

5 8. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the controller controls light generated by the light generating source by changing a color of light output from the light generating source.

10 9. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to detect a ornamental light output device coupled to the optical transmission port and enable the light generating source when the ornamental light output device is coupled to the optical transmission port.

15 10. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to receive a user assignment of a specified light output to a specified function and configured to enable the light generating source according to the specified light output when the specified function is activated.

20 11. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to detect an incoming communication and to enable the light generating source to indicate the detection of an incoming communication.

12. A mobile communication device, comprising:
a transceiver;
a controller coupled to the transceiver;
a light generating source coupled to the controller;
5 a housing providing a housing for the transceiver, the controller, and
the light generating source;
an optical transmission port coupled to the housing and coupled to the
light generating source; and
a visible light output device optically and detachably coupled to the
10 optical transmission port.

13. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
light generating source comprises at least one light emitting diode.

14. The mobile communication device according to claim 13, wherein the
at least one light emitting diode is a multi-color light emitting diode.

15. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
visible light output device comprises a lanyard including an optically conductive
20 portion, the lanyard configured to be worn around the neck of a user of the mobile
communication device.

16. The mobile communication device according to claim 15, wherein the
optically conductive portion comprises a fiber optic portion.

17. The mobile communication device according to claim 16, wherein the
lanyard further includes a support reinforcing portion coupled with the optically
conductive portion.

18. The mobile communication device according to claim 17, wherein the
support reinforcing portion comprises at least one of a wire and a string coupled with
the optically conductive portion.

19. The mobile communication device according to claim 12,
wherein the housing comprises an internal frame housing, and
wherein the visible light output device comprises an external mobile
5 communication device housing including an optically conductive portion.

20. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
visible light output device comprises at least one of a mobile communication device
charger and a mobile communication device car mounting cradle.

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21. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
controller is configured to control light generated by the light generating source by
providing a signal to the light generating source.

15 22. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
controller controls light generated by the light generating source by at least one of
flashing the light on and off, flashing the light brighter and dimmer in a sequential
pattern, and changing a color of light output from the light generating source.

20 23. The mobile communication device according to claim 12, wherein the
controller is configured to detect a visible light output device coupled to the optical
transmission port and enable the light generating source when the visible light output
device is coupled to the optical transmission port.

24. A mobile communication device, comprising:
- means for providing a housing for mobile communication device components;
 - means for controlling operations of the mobile communication device;
 - 5 means for connecting a visible light output accessory to the means for providing a housing;
 - means for detecting a connection of the visible light output accessory;
 - and
 - means for providing light to the a visible light output accessory through
 - 10 the means for connecting a visible light output accessory.